



Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board

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Aides

2530.6 Speech-language pathologists and audiologists supervising speech-language pathology or audiology aides shall register with the board the name of each aide working under their supervision. The number of aides who may be supervised by a licensee shall be determined by the board. The supervising audiologist or speech-language pathologist shall be responsible for the extent, kind, and quality of services performed by the aide, consistent with the board's designated standards and requirements.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 758)

REGULATIONS

1399.154. Definitions.

As used in this article, the term:

- (a) "Speech-language pathology aide" means a person who
 - (1) assists or facilitates while a speech-language pathologist is evaluating the speech and/or language of individuals or is treating individuals with a speech-language and/or language disorder and
 - (2) is registered by the supervisor with the board and the registration is approved by the board.
- (b) "Audiology aide" means a person who
 - (1) assists or facilitates while an audiologist is evaluating the hearing of individuals and/or is treating individuals with hearing disorders, and
 - (2) is registered by the supervisor with the board and the registration is approved by the board.
- (c) "Supervisor" means a licensed speech-language pathologist who supervises a speech-language pathology aide or a licensed audiologist who supervises an audiology aide.
- (d) "Industrial audiology aide" means an audiology aide who conducts pure tone air conduction threshold audiograms for the purpose of industrial hearing testing in addition to other acts and services as provided in these regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2531.95, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2530.2 and 2530.6, Business and Professions Code.

1399.154.1. Registration of Aides.

Before allowing an aide to assist in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology under his or her supervision, a supervisor shall register each aide with the board on a form provided by the board and pay the registration fee required in Section 1399.157. Regardless of their title or job classification, any support person who functions as a speech-language pathology or audiology aide and facilitates or assists a supervisor in evaluations or treatment shall be registered with the board. In the application for registration, the supervisor shall provide to the board his or her proposed plan for supervising and training the speech-language pathology or audiology aide. The proposed plan for training shall be in accordance with Section 1399.154.4 and shall include the supervisor's training methods, the necessary minimum competency level of the aide, the manner in which the aide's competency will be assessed, the persons responsible for training, a summary of any past education, training and experience the aide may have already undertaken, and the length of the training program and assessment of the aide's competency level. The board shall review the application for compliance with the requirements of this article and notify the supervisor of its disposition of the application for registration and whether further information is required in order to complete its review.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2531.25, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2530.2, 2530.6 and 2532.4, Business and Professions Code.

1399.154.2. Responsibilities of Aide's Supervisor.

A supervisor of a speech-language pathology or audiology aide shall:

- (a) Have legal responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the patients.

(b) Have legal responsibility for the acts and services provided by the speech-language pathology or audiology aide, including compliance with the provisions of the Act and these regulations.

(c) Be physically present while the speech-language pathology or audiology aide is assisting with patients, unless an alternative plan of supervision has been approved by the board. A supervisor of industrial audiology aides shall include a proposed plan for alternative supervision with the application form. An industrial audiology aide may only be authorized to conduct puretone air conduction threshold audiograms when performing outside the physical presence of a supervisor. The supervisor shall review the patient histories and the audiograms and make any necessary referrals for evaluation and treatment.

(d) Evaluate, treat, manage and determine the future dispositions of patients.

(e) Appropriately train the speech-language pathology or audiology aide to perform duties to effectively assist in evaluation and/or treatment. A supervisor shall establish and complete a training program for a speech-language pathology or audiology aide in accordance with Section 1399.154.4 which is unique to the duties of the aide and the setting in which he or she will be assisting the supervisor.

(f) Define the services which may be provided by the speech-language pathology or audiology aide. Those services shall not exceed the competency of the aide as determined by his or her education, training and experience, and shall not include any treatment beyond the plan established by the supervisor for the patient.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2531.95, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2530.2 and 2530.6, Business and Professions Code.

1399.154.3. Maximum Number of Aides.

A supervisor shall not supervise more than three (3) speech-language pathology or audiology aides. The board may authorize more than three supervisees if, in its discretion, the supervisor demonstrates that the public health and safety would not be jeopardized and that he or she can adequately supervise more than three aides.

1399.154.4. Training of Aides.

Before a speech-language pathologist or audiologist allows an aide to assist in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology under his or her supervision, a speech-language pathology or audiology aide shall complete a training program established by the supervisor. The training program shall include, but is not limited to:

(a) Instruction in the skills necessary to perform any acts or services which are the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology as defined in Section 2530.2 of the code. The supervisor is not required to repeat any training which may have already been received by the aide because of any prior education, training and experience.

(b) A supervisor shall require a speech-language pathology or audiology aide to demonstrate his or her competence to perform any acts or provide any services which are the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology as defined in Section 2530.2 of the code which may be assigned to the aide or which the aide may provide to patients. A supervisor shall allow a speech-language pathology or audiology aide only to perform those acts or to provide those services for which he or she has been provided training and has demonstrated competency.

(c) A supervisor shall instruct a speech-language pathology or audiology aide as to the limitations imposed upon his or her duties, acts or services by these regulations, by his or her training and skills and by the evaluation and treatment plan for any patient.

(d) In addition to the requirements of this section, an industrial audiology aide shall be provided training in the use of an audiometer and in the necessary techniques for obtaining valid and reliable audiograms.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2531.95, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2530.2 and 2530.6, Business and Professions Code.

1399.154.5. Notice of Termination.

Within 30 days after the termination of the supervision of a speech-language pathology or audiology aide, the supervisor shall notify the board, in writing, of such termination and the date thereof.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2531.95, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2530.2 and 2530.6, Business and Professions Code.

1399.154.6. Noncompliance With Article.

Failure of a supervising licensee to comply with the provisions of this article may result in a forfeiture of the privilege to supervise an aide.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2531.95, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2530.6, Business and Professions Code.

1399.154.7. Aide Experience Not Applicable to Qualifications for Licensure.

Any experience obtained acting as a speech-language pathology or audiology aide shall not be creditable toward the supervised clinical experience required in Section 2532.2(c) of the code or the required professional experience required in Section 2532.2(d) of the code.